



Hillston flooding

Do not enter floodwater

Watch and Act



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Next update: Thursday 17 Nov 10:00 am or as the situation changes

The NSW SES advises people in the following area(s) **NOT TO ENTER FLOODWATER** due to current widespread major flooding:

- Hillston and surrounds

You should monitor the situation as it is constantly changing. Avoid floodwater for your safety.

What are we expecting?

The Bureau of Meteorology advises major flooding is occurring at Hillston

The Lachlan River at Hillston Weir may reach near 3.10 metres around Thursday, with major flooding and may reach near 3.30 metres late November, with major flooding similar to the August 1990 flood.

Based on predictions from the Bureau of Meteorology, the following areas may be impacted by dangerous floodwaters:

- Low lying road and bridges may be submerged
- Cobbs Highway can be impacted by water

What you need to do:

- If you have a Home and/or Business Emergency Plan, review it now. Otherwise, have a conversation and plan for what you will do and take with you if you need to evacuate.
- Consider the consequences of road and bridge closures and water over roads and make alternate arrangements for work, children, and travel.
- Plan your route carefully to avoid flooded roads and allow extra travel time.
- Obey all signs about road closures and instructions from emergency services.
- Avoid storm drains and pipes, ditches, ravines and rivers.
- Never drive, walk, ride through, play or swim in floodwater-it is dangerous, toxic, and may void your car insurance. If it's flooded, forget it. Fines apply.
- Share this information with family, friends, and neighbours and help others prepare where possible.
- Farmers should consider moving pumps and farm equipment to higher ground.
- People in areas likely to be impacted by flooding should raise their assets, including waste and chemical containers above expected flood heights.
- If you are isolated and require resupply, contact NSW SES on 132 500.
- If you are likely to be isolated due to flooding, stock up on essential items now.
- Contact your Local Land Services Office for rural animal and livestock assistance at lls.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 814 647

For more information:

- Listen to your local ABC radio station which can be found at reception.abc.net.au.
- Listen to ABC Riverina 100.7FM Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area or ABC Riverina 675 AM Corowa.
- Follow us on social media [@NSWSES](https://twitter.com/NSWSES) or visit our website at www.ses.nsw.gov.au
- Learn about your risk at www.ses.nsw.gov.au/your-risk/
- Check latest weather, warnings, rainfall and river heights at bom.gov.au/nsw/
- Check road closures at livetraffic.com.au or [132 701](http://132701) or your local Council.

**For emergency help in floods and storms, call the NSW State Emergency Service on [132 500](tel:132500).
In life threatening situations, call Triple Zero ([000](tel:000)) immediately.**

Media enquiries: media@ses.nsw.gov.au or call [1800 067 234](tel:1800067234)

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